

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated on January 25, 2007, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 16, 20 and 26 are amended, claims 8, 13, 14, 23 and 24 are canceled, and new claims 30-35 are added; as a result, claims 1-7, 10-12, 16-22 and 26-35 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16-24 and 26-29 were objected to due to informalities. Applicant has canceled claims 8, 13, 14, 23 and 24 and has amended claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 16, 20 and 26 to overcome the objections.

Double Patenting

The Examiner noted that claims 16, 18, 26 and 28 were similar to claims 13, 14, 23 and 24. Applicant has cancelled claims 13, 14, 23 and 24.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor (U.S. Patent No. 6,573,764 B1) in view of Doluca (U.S. Patent No. 5,760,620 A) and Miller et al. (6,181,912). Applicant has canceled claim 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7, 10-12, 16-22 and 26-29 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 16, 20 and 26.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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